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Students supervise display at Book Fair

Book Fair brings 1,500 new volumes

A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, enbalmmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life.

John Milton *Areopagitica*

Three years ago the Book Fair became a vital activity. Conceived in order to strengthen the library, it has presented students with a steady diet of new materials. Though the menu has been limited and highly controlled, we have been able to supply our daily needs and stave off intellectual malnutrition.

The diverse acquisitions enable students to verify facts, to seek additional data, and to cultivate new interests. The new resources permit the students to broaden their perception of various subjects while acquiring a heightened awareness of learning techniques, knowledge which cannot be fostered without training, discipline, and methodical pursuit of new concepts. Books are the record of man's reasoning; serious reading can, and does, stimulate intellectual growth.

A modest start, with a vision for the future, has allowed us to expand and enrich our programme.

The graduating classes of the last three years have left an unselfish legacy for forthcoming groups. It is their involvement and the interest of many people that has guaranteed the success of the Book Fair.

Each Book Fair has surpassed its predecessor. From a tentative beginning, it has constantly expanded. The Third Annual Book Fair had a very lofty goal. The effort of the boys, coupled with the extremely generous support of parents and friends, brought in over \$5,000. The money raised means that approximately 1,500 new books will be at our disposal.

The Third Annual Book Fair, departing from the format of the past, was held in the Dining Hall. Another innovation occurred in opening the sale before and after the parents' meeting. Both these changes were extremely worthwhile. However, the most dramatic shift from past structures was not evident. For the first time the responsibility for organizing the Book Fair was given to a student co-ordinating committee of five grade eleven boys (K. Clarke, J. Locke, J. Mathias, J. McCallum, and C. Noble). This com-

mittee did everything except the ordering of books which began in July and was handled by the heads of the various departments. This was the best Book Fair we have had and the credit must be given to these boys who handled many details so efficiently. The fifty volunteers who were involved on the actual night merit a great amount of credit, for without their industry and interest we could not hope for success.

After the actual Book Fair, a vast amount of work remained to be done. The committee tallied the money and began the arduous task of sending out receipts, checking and rechecking the lists of books donated. A system of acknowledging donations was devised and gradually the receipts were mailed.

All these generous donations are presently being catalogued and shelved by the volunteer librarians. Shortly, the 1,500 new books will be readily available for all the students. Truly the Library is our greatest monument to everyone's honest concern for education.

Time is now for applicants

Applications for admission to Selwyn House next year are now being received. Entrance examinations for applicants to grades 5-11 may be written either on March 11 or on April 15. Junior School exams (grades 1-4) will take place on March 18. "It is most gratifying," Mr. Troubetzkoy commented recently, "already to have a good number of excellent candidates. A school can never have too many applicants — the greater the number, the greater the selectivity; the greater the selectivity, the finer the student body."

Application forms are obtainable by writing to the School or by telephoning the Headmaster's secretary — 935-1074.

Outstanding results achieved in School Leaving exams

At the October meeting of parents, the Headmaster reported on the results of last summer's Quebec School Leaving Examinations. Each of the 32 boys in Grade 11 wrote the examinations and of these 66% achieved 1st class standing. The remainder were awarded 2nd class certificates; no one received a 3rd class and no one failed. 88% of the class attained an average of 75% or better on ten papers. "These are, of course, delightful results in which we can justifiably take pride," Mr. Troubetzkoy commented.

Receiving 75% or better

— of the Written French results, 90% of the class qualified, while in English Composition, 94% qualified and in Trigonometry, 96%. In Chemistry the entire class scored 75% or better.

Last year's graduates are presently attending the following places: McGill (12), Dawson (8), Sir George Williams (5) and the remainder are at Neuchatel Junior College, M. I. T., Brown University, Middlebury College, Exeter and Princeton University.

Last year also, each of the boys in Grade 10 wrote the Quebec School Leaving Examinations in Algebra and Geometry. 3/5 of the class received 75% or better in Algebra, and in Geometry more than a quarter of the class scored over 90%. The entire Geography class wrote the final examination, and all but one scored a 2nd class or better. A group of boys also took the French Oral and French Written exams, averaging 95% and 87% respectively.

"In all fairness," the Headmaster went on to observe, "it must be candidly remarked that insofar as the School's standards are concerned, last year's Grade 11, as a

scholastic group, was by no means our best class to have written the exams."

Mr. Troubetzkoy went on to say that "two points must be noted:

1) It is felt by some that the general standard demanded by the papers was probably lower than in the past, and this seems to be indicated by the difference between Department marks and school results. There is no guarantee, I hasten to add, that this represents a trend in policy of the Ministry of Education. It may have resulted from a transition from the essay-type of exam to the completely objective exam.

2) The extended use of objective exams with multiple choice questions invite guess work, and thus favour the poorer student. It is felt that some results might therefore have been somewhat inflated."

The Headmaster warned that in judging the success of a School's academic program the matric results by all rights should not be the sole criteria of determining the excellence of the place. "We at Selwyn House have no need to apologize for our academic program or for our results. I hardly think that there are many Canadian Schools which can effectively challenge our achievements. We must take care, however, not to allow ourselves to be caught up in the exam syndrome. Scholastic achievement is not necessarily a measure of intellectual attainment."

WANTED

Old letters, snap shots, memorabilia of any sort related to Selwyn House history. The School desires to enlarge its collection and to build a more complete history. All submissions will be gratefully acknowledged by the Headmaster.

The S.H.S. EXAMINER reports school events

... the S.H.S. EXAMINER is the official school newspaper of Selwyn House. It is written and edited by students. The staff of approximately 25 boys is selected and constructively occupied in various ways. Reporting on local and current school events such as assemblies, sports results, Student Council affairs and club activities, occupies a major portion of each issue.

In keeping with a policy that was established a few years ago, provincial, national and international issues of common interest are delved into and subsequently documented. Last year during the October Crisis, for example, an interview was held with Federal Justice Minister John Turner at his home in Ottawa. Former Prime Ministers and Governors General have also given time to the paper. Just recently, Joe Dydak was enterprising enough to interview Pierre Berton and discuss his new books 'The Last Spike' and 'The National Dream'.

At regular meetings the EXAMINER staff com-

Debating

On November 26, the Selwyn House Debating Society hosted a province-wide workshop on debating. Approximately 60 students and coaches from 11 Quebec schools attended the conference, some travelling from such distant ports as Arvida. Mr. Tom Lawson, National Coordinator of the National Student Debating Association, was the evening's guest speaker.

The school's Debating Society was re-organized this year in the light of new interest in public speaking and debating in the school. The society seeks to develop a general speaking situation and to train students to speak in public.



Mr. Yvon Beaulne, Permanent Representative of Canada at the United Nations being interviewed in his office at the Canadian Mission recently in New York City by the S.H.S. EXAMINER. From left to right: Mr. Beaulne, Mr. L.I. Seville, (S.H.S. EXAMINER Advisor) David Stewart-Patterson, (Former Editor) George Tombs, (present Co-Editor).

EXAMINER trip to Davie Ship plant

On October 30, several students from Selwyn House participated in a tour of Davie Shipbuilding Limited, Lauzon, Quebec, sponsored by the S.H.S. Examiner. The boys were escorted throughout the yards by several Davie executives, and they had the opportunity of viewing vessels under construction and repair. The visitors' interest was doubtless enhanced by seeing two Greek 80,000 ton tankers still on the stocks, two destroyers for the Canadian Armed Forces being fitted out, and a German freighter, the ELISABETH OLDENDORFF, which had been placed in dry-dock after having run aground. A thorough tour of the incomplete destroyer ATHABASKAN took place, and the boys had a singular occasion to see a ship from bow to stern, below decks. A tour

was also conducted through the extensive machinery shops where steel plates were being sanded, cut, welded, and molded in the proper shapes to be fitted to the tankers.

The tour terminated with a brief excursion to the main office, which houses a model room containing models of major vessels constructed by Davie and a drafting room, where plans of vessels are prepared. The group from Selwyn was subsequently given a very good dinner. Mr. L.I. Seville accompanied the boys and provided transportation to Quebec. Thanks are due to Andre Desmarais, without whom the visit would have been impossible and above all, to the gentlemen at Davieship, Lauzon, who made the visit so fascinating and worthwhile.



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the production of each paper, thus giving them invaluable experience in the various ramifications of journalism.

Canadian Studies

Opinions differ. Views are varied. Reason and logic are often consumed in emotions as arch-conservatives do battle with the liberal-minded. But these are important facets of the latest academic offering at Selwyn House, 'Canadian Studies'.

This year, 23 boys of Grade 11 are taking Canadian Studies from Mr. B.W. Porter. The course offers no Matric credit, there are no formal examinations, and it is given purely as a matter of enrichment. The first purpose of the course is to encourage and motivate students to organize their thoughts into coherent and rational arguments based on definite evidence. The course's second purpose is to make the students more keenly aware of the issues involved with a variety of

Canadian problems — the environment, for example, or such matters as student unrest, poverty, housing and the Canadian Indian.

Those taking the course are thus required not only to consider current Canadian problems on paper, but are expected to participate actively in classroom discussion. Students' individual interests are encouraged in the written work expected of each member of the class, while in discussions, a more corporate contribution is required, both of which are evaluated.

Mr. Porter completed Upper Canada College, and finished Carleton University in 1971, receiving a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History. In addition to Canadian Studies, Mr. Porter also teaches History and English.

Lectures

On October 25 Selwyn House jointly hosted with The Study and E.C.S. two lectures by Dr. Lorus Milne, a noted American Naturalist. In the afternoon the boys of Grades 5, 6 and 7 walked to The Study and there the children of the three schools heard Dr. Milne speak on the plant and wild life of the West Indies and Venezuela. In the evening girls of the two schools joined the boys at Selwyn House to hear a lecture on North American wild life. Both presentations stressed conservation, and each included spectacular films taken by the lecturer himself. The lectures were thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

Christmas Dance

On December 17th, this same committee organized a Christmas dance which was even more successful than their first venture. An invitation was extended to girls from the Study School to attend, with or without guests. Taped music, strobe lights, and highly imaginative decorations were the order of the evening, and if the decibel level of the music could be equated with sheer enjoyment the party was a memorable occasion.

Symphony

Last December, 245 boys attended a matinee performance of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra at the Place des Arts. Boys of grades 4, 5, 6 and 7 travelled by chartered bus to the concert hall to hear Mario Duschenes conduct a series of pieces which explored rhythm. The varied program included compositions by Bach, Stravinsky, Debussy and Khatchaturian. In mid-March the same boys will attend another concert which will feature wind instruments. In early February a septet from the Montreal Symphony will play at the School for an audience of 6, 7, 8 and 9 graders.

Entertainment

The Entertainment Committee, supported by the Students' Council, has to date sponsored and organized two very successful dances at Selwyn House.

The first took place on Friday, November 12th, and was attended by some two hundred young people. On this occasion, girls from the Convent of the Sacred Heart were the guests of honour. The enthusiastic response of these students to the invitation of the Entertainment Committee was gratifying and they, as well as numerous guests from



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Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert this year took place in the gymnasium on December 15th at 5:00 p.m. The programme was a happy mixture of the traditional and the modern idiom.

After the Headmaster had welcomed the many parents and friends of the school, the concert began with a congregational carol. This was followed by carol singing by Form D and by the choir of grades 5, 6 and 7. Grade 2 presented a traditional carol and grades 3 and 4 sang "Still, still, still, weil's Kindlein Schlafen will"—an old Austrian carol. The first half of the programme closed with a reading of Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" by Thomas Holy, a member of the senior year and with a carol rendered by "The Thursday Singers".

The second portion of the programme was entitled "A Happening". By employing a multi-media technique, senior students gave a highly imaginative answer to the question "What is Christmas?". The use of strobe lights tape-recorder, mock-up computer, slide projector, interspersed with traditional decorations and choir voices, the origins of Christmas were traced in a very effective manner.

Mr. Crisp, The Reverend Hennen, and all students who participated are to be congratulated for this well rehearsed and entertaining concert.

Theatre

In early December the Youtheatre of Montreal presented a program at the School for the boys of grades 3 and 4. A one-act play was featured, with virtually no decor and the simplest of costumes. The presentation took place in the centre of the gym with

This is the first edition of The Selwyn House News Letter in the current format and in this and future editions a space is reserved for the Old Boys' Association. We hope that this part of the letter will be of interest to all Old Boys and in this way we hope to renew Old Boy interest in the school.

One of the regular features of this letter will be notes on various Old Boys and their recent activities. The success of this type of feature depends almost entirely on reader contributions and we would very much appreciate hearing from you with your personal news and also any news about other Old Boys that you feel would be of interest.

It is also our intention to list the names of various Old Boys whose addresses have been lost and to ask for your help in locating them. As you are aware, the Association relies heavily on annual dues for our bursary programme and therefore we cannot afford to lose track of any members. To also help in this matter, we ask you to notify us when you change your address so that we don't have to print your name in the missing persons column of a future edition of the news letter.

In his December letter, Alexis Troubetzkoy in-

vited all Old Boys to visit the school (with proper advance warning) and we suggest you take advantage of this invitation. If you have not been at the school in the last few years you will be very pleasantly surprised by the many changes. For those of you who cannot drop in to the school to meet the new Headmaster, we are planning a cocktail party for the Spring and we hope that many of you will meet him there.

Elsewhere in the letter a very successful (i.e. we won) Old Boys' football game is described. An Old Boys' hockey game has been arranged for March 14, and, we are told, the School Team looks forward to avenging its earlier defeat. With good support from the Old Boys these games can become annual events and this seems to be a very good way of getting Old Boys involved in school activities.

The future of the Old Boys' Association and the influence we have on the school depend a great deal on the participation of as many Old Boys as possible. What should we be doing and how can we make the Association more active and more interesting?

Please let us have your comments and your ideas and also your support for the Association.

Old Boys' Editorial

Football: Old Boys 13, SHS 0

The first Old Boys' Football game was held this year, on a clear and crisp October Saturday at Westmount Park. An enthusiastic crowd of spectators cheered the Old Boys on to a 13-0 victory.

Surmounting all manner of difficulty — equipping, uniforming, and coordinating positions without benefit of a previous practice — the Old Boys fielded a team of twenty players. In the first quarter of play, the two teams appeared evenly matched. As the Old Boys learned to coordinate together, they gained momentum. Brian Dopking sparkled as full-back. The Senior Team, although playing fine offensive football, was unable to penetrate the strong Old Boys defensive unit which was led by Reg Groome and Harlan Rosenthal. The Old Boys stopped Selwyn House's sweep threat by spreading out the defense and blitzing the corner linebackers and defensive ends, forcing everything up the middle.

Corner linebacker Mike Lowenger intercepted a pass thrown by Selwyn House quarterback Mark Benson, and ran for a touchdown, giving the Old Boys a 6-0 lead at half time.

In the second half, wanting to conserve their strength, the Old Boys reverted to a passing game. With good blocking on the line, Mike Lowenger completed passes to Steve Ludgate, Al Forster and Alan Case. The pass to offensive end Alan Case resulted in a twenty yard touchdown play. The convert was the last scoring play of the game. The Selwyn House team was still frustrated by the Old Boys defensive squad and did not manage to score.

After the game the Old Boys were invited to a beer and pretzel party in the Masters' Common Room. There they met the new Headmaster and many old friends such as Dr. Speirs, and Messrs. Moodey, Philips, Iversen, Hill and and others.

Miles for Millions

Hockey

The Montreal Forum will see a unique display of hockey on Tuesday, March 14 as the Old Boys meet Selwyn House's Senior Team. Rodney Devitt, Peter McLeod, and Peter Mulligan all of the class of '65 are coordinating the activities of the Old Boys. Should by chance some lesser hockey team require its home ice at the Forum for an unscheduled practice, the Old Boys game will be played on March 16 at the Montreal West Arena. The game starts at 4 o'clock, and spectators — specially Old Boy supporters — are welcomed!

CAN YOU HELP?

The Old Boys' Association would like to know the addresses of the following individuals:

R. F. Angus
R. Bellingham
Philip Cumyn
Robert Dodds
James Evans
G. H. Gault
Philip Goodfellow
Alex Heron
A. Hildred
Dr. Brian Little
Alan John Peck
J. Ulrich Scheel
George A. Thompson

INFORMATION PLEASE!

ADDRESS CHANGE
 BIRTH/DEATH

NAME

ADDRESS

YEARS AT THE SCHOOL

INFORMATION

Signature

NEW APPOINTMENT
 ENGAGEMENT/MARRIAGE

Date

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
 TRAVEL/OTHER

Notes about Old Boys

1921

John E. Eason — Secretary of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association after 15 years service principally as Manager of the Newspaper Association of Canada which recently amalgamated with the C.P.P.A. has joined Matson Placement Canada Inc., as a consultant.

1947

William Daly — President, Daly & Monn Ltd., was recently appointed a Director of the school.

1949

Michael Alexander, C.A., is with Touche Ross & Co., and has taken up residence in Toronto.

1951

Thomas F. Schopflocher — is Director of Engineering at Dominion Glass Co.

1953

Michael Meighen — was recently elected P.C. candidate for the Westmount riding in the next Federal Election.

1954

Charles Chaffey — was recently married to Eunice Julia Cook at Norreys Evangelical Church, Wohingham, Berkshire, England. Both Charles and

Chris — are staff at the University of Toronto.

B.J. Eason is Secretary of McLean Kennedy Ltd., and has recently bought a house in Montreal to look after the needs of his growing family. He now has two children.

1957

Chris Hyde, a senior consultant with P.S. Ross and Co., is back in Montreal after a year in Halifax working on a project to increase industrial development for the Nova Scotia government.

Michael Stanger is now practising medicine in Edmonton, Alberta.

1958

Peter Nobbs is now assistant to the Treasurer, Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation and is the proud father of two children.

John Stikeman is with I.B.M. in the marketing area for the Data Processing Division.

1963

Jimmy Coristone recently returned from Europe and plans to start studies at the University of Western Ontario towards an M.B.A. degree.

Soccer

The 1971 soccer season was one of rebuilding for our teams. Increased time for practice and the splendid coaching received by the boys helped to bring about a more serious approach to the game. Although the win/loss records of our Senior and Bantam Teams were not outstanding, the inter-school competition was in

invaluable experience for all the players.

Martin Lewis, Director of Athletics, was the principal coach and he was aided by David Cude and William Stewart. Mr. Cude is a newly-appointed member of the Selwyn House teaching staff, and he holds a physical education qualification. Mr. Stewart, an official referee of the Quebec Soccer Federation, was with us for the season only. Mr. Stewart at one time played for the Liverpool Team and was a physical education instruc-

The 1971 football season opened on September 1st with a pre-school football camp which was attended by 25 boys of varying ages. Shortly after school opened, coaches were able to assess what talent was available to them, and they decided that the football programme would best operate at three levels — intramural, a bantam team competing in the Greater Montreal Interscholastic Athletic Association, and a senior team playing solely exhibition games.

Intramural football was at the grade seven level, and this programme was one which was basically instructional. Emphasis was given to developing the skills necessary to participate successfully at a later date in organised football. These skills were then reinforced in scrimmages between members of this group.

The second aspect of the football programme was the formation of a Bantam Team to participate in inter-school competition. Many members of this Team were competing for the first time in an organised league and they acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. Of a total of nine games played, six were in league competition. Here the Bantam Team had a record of one win, one tie, and four losses. However, against Bishop's College School in a home and home series, Selwyn had two wins. They also recorded a win against Ashbury College.

tor for a paratroop regiment in the British Army.

The popularity of soccer at Selwyn House greatly increased this year and the reintroduction of inter-House games, especially among the senior boys, helped to foster a

In all, it was a fairly productive season for this young group, and as many of them will play in this same age bracket next year, the prospects for the 1972 season look very bright.



Football Captain Michael Chambers finds running room

At the Senior team level, only ten members returned from last year's team. The remainder were drawn from the bantam team of the previous year,

along with several new recruits. The team's record of one win and four losses is not truly representative of their effort and their good play. In three instances, they were playing senior teams according to G.M.I.A.A. classification, whereas Selwyn's Team was, in fact, a junior team. The Anderson Trophy for the outstanding linesman was awarded to Greg Hannon and the Molson Cup for the outstanding player was presented to Michael Chambers. Gerry Bourne, Scott Robertson, and Richard Box earned football ties for their ability and sportsmanship.

At all three levels of development, the coaches, Messrs. Burgess, Stewart, and MacDonald, endeavoured to develop not only the skills required by this sport, but also to instill in each player a sense of team spirit and sportsmanship — values far more important than the win/loss record.



Tough action along the line

competitive spirit. Much of the practice time was used for the teaching of skills and positional play.

The Bantam Team made its debut in the GMIAA League. It won 1 game and lost 8. Francis Baker was the Captain; Richard Pearson, the Goalkeeper; and

David Cottingham, an outstanding wing.

The Senior Team played 13 games, winning 2 and tying 3. Three boys received colour awards: John Williams, the Team's Captain, Bill Gould and Bill Turner.



... and on the defensive

